



The Clear Spring High School Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Chapter is an outstanding student-led organization. Student officers, who were elected in May met with their advisor to plan a Program of Work for the next school year. They brainstormed ideas of what they wished to accomplish throughout the year for their membership that would fulfill the goals of the organization. These student officers, under the guidance of teacher-advisors, and with the support of business and postsecondary partners serving on the Maryland FBLA Board, led fellow students in community service projects and in preparing for competitive events related to Business, Management and Finance.

FBLA student committees were organized in the fall and were chaired by an officer with five volunteer members on each committee. These committees helped to see that the goals of the FBLA organization were successfully met. Officers and members conducted monthly meetings, prepared all agendas and meeting materials and followed Roberts Rules of Order to conduct the business of the chapter. Members had the opportunity to volunteer to help with specific activities or offered input for new ideas that might not have been in their Program of Work as it originally was presented.

As part of the FBLA student service learning efforts, members participated in a range of community activities and fundraising, including the March of Dimes, the American Red Cross, the County Food Bank, and the Caring Hands Gift Wrap event at the local shopping center. The chapter members also “adopted” two local families. One of these families was in need due to the recent death of their father from H1N1. These students are clearly committed to serving their community.

At Clear Spring High School, a total population of only 540 students, 2 business teachers support the 100 FBLA members. Throughout the year, teachers helped prepare students for competitive events. FBLA students were given opportunities in the classroom to give speeches, make business presentations, and work on portfolios for graduation. FBLA students also participate in job shadowing and other work-based learning opportunities. As a result, the Clear Spring Chapter had student win regional and State-level competitions. Last year, 18 members advanced to the state-level competition and five members attended the National FBLA Conference.

The Clear Spring High School FBLA Chapter has a long history of accomplishments. During the last 16 years, this chapter has been active and its members have qualified for competition at National FBLA for 15 years and have had student compete at the national level for 14 years.